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Mr. William D. Howell, Executive Director
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Dear Mr. Howell:

Re: Comments on Genwal Coal Company Permit Renewal, Crandall Canyon Mine,
ACT/015/032, Folder #3, Emery County, Utah

This letter is being written in response to your comment letters dated April 21 and 22, 1993, regarding the above permitting action. We appreciate your input during the permitting process.

On May 10, 1993 you were contacted by phone by Division representative Daron Haddock and your comments were discussed in the ensuing conversation. As a result of that discussion we understand that your main objective in writing the letter was to voice concerns about how water resources are evaluated in the Huntington drainage. You indicated that you were not interested in stopping the permit from being renewed and that an informal conference was not being requested in either the letter or the phone conversation, but that you did want the mine to provide adequate protection of water interests.

As a result, the Division has re-reviewed the cumulative hydrologic impact assessment (CHIA) for the Crandall Canyon Mine and we feel the water monitoring and management plans are adequate for renewing the permit. We have, however, required Genwal Coal Company to provide additional information on Little Bear Canyon Spring and should receive that shortly. Additionally we have contacted Genwal and informed them of the water user concerns in the Huntington drainage. We understand that they are scheduling a meeting with the water users to provide information and allow an open forum to address the water concerns. We anticipate providing a Division representative at the meeting as well. We hope the communication channels remain open on this issue and your concerns are adequately addressed. Please contact me or Daron Haddock if you have further questions.

Sincerely,

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Associate Director, Mining

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